

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
Department of State

OUTGOING
TELEGRAM

PAGE 01 STATE 313459
ORIGIN ARA-16

8493

STATE 313459

INFO OCT-00 SIG-03 HA-06 10-14 ADS-00 MMO-01 TRSE-00
COMP-01 OMB-01 L-03 CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 PM-07
NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 /084 R

COOPERATION TOPIC IS DIVIDED BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD COMMITTEES-I.E., ECOSOC AND EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE, AND THE TWO ARE HAVING PROBLEMS RECONCILING THEIR VIEWS.

DRAFTED BY USOAS:FRSTARRS
APPROVED BY USOAS:FRSTARRS

6. CORRECTION TO STATE 310979, IN PARAGRAPH 5D, WE ERRONEOUSLY LISTED PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AS STELLA RATHER THAN ARIAS STELLA.

-----076321 250151Z /22
O 250028Z NOV 80
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO ALL AMERICAN REPUBLIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS IMMEDIATE
XMT AMEMBASSY HASSAU
AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

PORG
UNGA

7. FURTHER REPORTS WILL FOLLOW. MUSKIE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ STATE 313459

E.O. 12065: GDS 11/23/86 (STARRS, F.R.)

TAGS: OAS

SUBJECT: OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY - THIRD REPORT

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. GA DEVELOPMENTS, NOVEMBER 23-25. NOT UNEXPECTEDLY, GA TO DATE HAS GIVEN INORDINATE TIME TO PROCEDURAL MATTERS BUT IS NOW BEGINNING TO COME TO GRIPS WITH MAJOR PROBLEMS. SLOW-DOWNS AND WORK STOPPAGES BY THE STAFF, AT THEIR MOST SEVERE ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, LESSENED ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY, SINCE STAFF FORESEES A POSSIBILITY OF A PARTIAL VICTORY IN FORM OF SALARY INCREASE AND RECOGNITION OF SOME OF THEIR BREAD AND BUTTER ISSUES AND DOES NOT WANT TO JEOPARDIZE THEM BY FURTHER EXASPERATING THE DELEGATIONS.

3. HUMAN RIGHTS. FIRST (POLITICAL-JURIDICAL COMMITTEE) HAS NOW DISPOSED OF MOST OF ITS ROUTINE AGENDA ITEMS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OTHER SUBJECTS, AND IS NOW INVOLVED IN MARATHON WORKING SESSIONS ON IAHRC REPORTS, BOTH ANNUAL AND COUNTRY SPECIFIC PAPERS. ARGENTINA CONTINUES TO LOOK FOR AN ANYONE RESOLUTION THAT DOES NOT MENTION SPECIFIC COUNTRIES OR LEVEL RESPONSIBILITY FOR VIOLATIONS. US HAS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER AN OMNIBUS RESOLUTION, BUT ARGENTINA HAS NOT THUS FAR BEEN WILLING TO COMPROMISE. MEXICO AND OTHERS ARE BEING HELPFUL IN FIRST COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP IN TRYING TO GET AGREEMENT ON A RESOLUTION THAT PRESERVES THE AUTHORITY OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY ISSUES. QUOTA ISSUE HAS BEEN ECLIPSED BY SALARY QUESTIONS DESCRIBED IN STATE 310979. TIME BIND SEEMS TO PRECLUDE MORE THAN "BAND AID" TREATMENT FOR QUOTA ISSUE RESOLUTION AT THIS ASSEMBLY, WITH CONTINUATION OF STUDY OF QUESTION LIKELY AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 1981. ON SALARY AND PARITY QUESTION, REALIZATION OF THE COSTS OF VENEZUELA'S ORIGINAL PROPOSAL HAS DAMNED AND A LESS EXPENSIVE ALTERNATE SOLUTION MAY BE AGREED UPON. PROBLEM FOR US IS THAT APPROXIMATELY TWO-THIRDS OF ANY BUDGETARY INCREASE WOULD FALL ON US, IT WOULD MEAN ONLY SMALL INCREASES FOR MANY LOW QUOTA COUNTRIES WHO ARE TOTALLY ESPOUSING THE EMPLOYEES POSITION.

5. COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT. CONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE IS MOVING AT A SNAIL'S PACE IN SECOND COMMITTEE, BOGGED DOWN ALONG WITH ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS IN PROCEDURAL ARGUMENTS FROM WHICH IT CANNOT EXTRICATE ITSELF. PART OF PROBLEM IS THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR

105

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Declassified Case: 100-87080
Date: 08-08-2013